

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR February 20, 2018**

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:00 PM, Lions Center Small Meeting Room, 225 A Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by: 12:06pm Rusty Garcia (Chairman)

**PRESENT:** Julio Jauregui, Jenny Benavides, Rusty Garcia (Chairman), Luke Hamby-City Council Member

**ABSENT:** Freddy Cornejo, Michael Walla, Victor Estrada, Mary Miller

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted by m/s/c: Benavides/Hamby

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction of the new Commission Board Members in Parks and Recreation:  
Luke Hamby made the introductions of Julio Jauregui and Jenny Benavides.
- b. Discussion of potential action regarding the prepping of Wiest and Volunteer Fields: Miguel reported the Parks Crew has spread fertilizer on Volunteer East and West Fields also Beechey Field. Dune Company donated 900 pounds of fertilizer for the fields. Wiest Field was also fertilized and spread by Jim Abatti. Miguel also reported the Little League Board approved the share of cost to fix the snack bar windows which is \$2,400.00. The Little League Board also requested new locks to be placed on the building since it is unknown how many keys are out in the public. Miguel is considering different types of locks and feels that a combination button lock or card lock would work better. He will look further into those types of locks. Mr. Hamby suggested a quick set smart key lock that could be changed after the season. Miguel said only problem with that is they can only be changed a max of 4 times. Rusty Garcia gave a brief history of what the high school has done at Wiest Field. Miguel added they will be putting up a Flag pole behind the scoreboard as well as fencing. The City has completed a \$3,000.00 rehab to the restroom and plans to place grass in the area that is adjacent to the Skate Park.

- c. Update on Parks restroom recommended hour changes: Miguel reported the restroom hours are posted outside the restrooms as well as the website. Rotary and Pat Williams Parks are open every day 8am-5pm. Gonzales and Hinojosa Park are open 2pm-10pm every day. Meserve Park is open 2pm-5pm. If there is an event the group organizer can ask to leave the restrooms open longer by calling our Office during business hours.
- d. Discuss Volunteer Parking Lot: Miguel reported Phase II of the parking lot project will start soon and will be located on the east side of Volunteer Field. It will have a drain basin between the parking lot and the drainage.
- e. Update on Parks and Recreation Department staff transitions: Marjo Mello introduced herself as the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation as well as being the Library Director. She will be overseeing the department at least until the new fiscal year or longer.
- f. Update on upcoming registration for Girls Softball and Men Basketball League: Linda stated the upcoming girls' softball registration had started today and continues until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The League is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls and the games will be played at Meserve Fields. Men Basketball registration will be February 26-March 9<sup>th</sup>. Open to the first 8 teams that register and pay fees. There will need to be at least four teams to have the League.
- g. Discussion and potential action regarding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sponsors and movie days: Linda reported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at Pat Williams Park and will begin at 10am sharp. It was discussed at the previous meeting that the Commission would sponsor or knew of any sponsors who would provide fresh eggs. Jenny Benavides asked if there was a sponsor letter in case they found anyone that was willing. Linda said she did have a sponsor letter. Linda gave a brief history of the movie that was shown in December and the attendance. The previous Commission wanted more movie nights to coordinate with Spring Break or the Fall. The only problem is the licensing to show the movie is between \$385.00-\$500.00 per viewing. Luke Hamby asked if the Parks and Recreation could use NOCCA as a sponsor and use their licensing. Marjo said there is always something to pay to show movies, it may be less to do it through NOCCA but the licensing may not cover public buildings. Mr. Hamby said he would look into the details.
- h. Discussion and potential action regarding a change to meeting dates and times for the Parks & Recreation Commission: There was some discussion about meeting times and dates. There was a motion made m/s/c: Jenny Benavides/Julio Jauregui to hold the Parks and Recreation meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 1:12pm by m/s/c: Jenny Benavides/Julio Jauregui

---

**Rachel Zepeda**, Administrative Secretary